

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The method of boiling wort in the production of beer of independent claim 1 defines over the prior art of record since the prior art does not teach, suggest or render obvious pumping wort in a wort copper with a pump through a central pipe of a forced circulation circuit, which contains a thin-film distributor arranged above the central pipe, a pipe-bundle inner boiler surrounding and heating the central pipe, pumping the wort into a whirlpool after boiling the wort in the wort copper; pumping the wort from the whirlpool to the thin-film distributor of the wort copper via the central pipe, and cooling the wort.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Leff whose telephone number is (571) 272-6527. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 - 5:00.

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